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Shuster Secures \$100,000 for a new Cellular Communications Tower in Confluence

Washington, DC - **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that he has successfully secured \$100,000 in funding for the construction of a cellular communications tower in southern Somerset County.

“We take our cell phones for granted these days and the thought that we may be out of contact never really enters our minds,” said Congressman Shuster. “But for residents of Somerset County and tourists along the Youghiogheny River, lack of reliable cell service has been a serious issue. The proposed tower would make emergency communications available to trail users, law enforcement, and rangers for critical incidents and accidents. I am pleased to say the funding I secured with my Senate colleagues will address these problems.”

Somerset County has been working to secure funding for a cellular communications tower in Confluence Borough for some time. The importance of cell communication in this area isn't restricted to every day convenience. Hikers, kayakers, fishermen and others traveling across the Great Allegheny Passage rely on cell phones to stay in contact with their family and call for assistance if necessary.

“We are pleased that Congressman Shuster and Sen. Specter have been able to secure funding for this vital project. Communications are essential to our residents and to visitors from around the world as they enjoy the amenities of Somerset County.”

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